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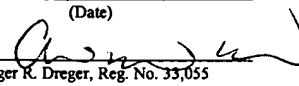
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 24, 2002, in connection with the above-identified patent application, setting a one-month term. Applicants were requested to elect, for examination purposes, one of the inventions I - VII listed on page 2 of the Office Action. In addition, if electing one of the inventions I-IV, applicants were requested to elect one of the following patentably distinct species: (i) VEGF comprising residues 4-116 of SEQ ID NO: 1, (ii) VEGF comprising residues 1-120 of SEQ ID NO: 1, (iii) VEGF comprising residues 1-121 of SEQ ID NO: 1, and (iv) VEGF comprising residues 5-120 of SEQ ID NO: 1. Finally, if electing invention IV, applicants were advised that claims 35-67 were generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species comprising: (i) VEGF dimers wherein Cys-116 is bound to an extraneous cysteine, (ii) disulfide linked VEGF dimers, and (iii) VEGF dimers wherein Cys-116 is unbound. Applicants were requested to elect a single disclosed species.

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Invention I, claims 1-27 and 28-34, as they are drawn to VEGF dimers wherein Cys-116 is bound to an extraneous cysteine, and the species of VEGF comprising residues 4-116 of SEQ ID NO: 1 are hereby elected.

Applicants respectfully request the examination of this application, and an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

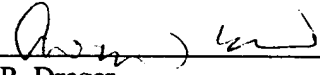
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